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1. INDOCHINA

DOD ACKNOWLEDGES THAT BESIDES 15 KILLED DURING MAYAGUEZ RESCUE, 23 OTHERS DIED IN COPTER CRASH IN THAILAND EN ROUTE UTAPAO FOR POSSIBLE USE IN OPERATION (AP, SUN; CHITRIB; NYDN). NESSEN SAYS WH REMAINS CONVINCED RESCUE WAS NECESSARY (SHABECOFF, NYT). MAYAGUEZ RADIO MAN STATES CAMBODIAN MIL OFFICER TOLD CREW WOULD BE HELD FOR AT LEAST 2 MOS; BELIEVES SHIP, CREW WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN RELEASED WITHOUT US ATTACK (NORTON, NYDN).
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MAYAGUEZ SAFE REPORTED LOOTED OF 5000 DOLS BY CAMBODIANS; CREW MEMBERS LOST WATCHES, CAMERAS, CASH, AND 1 WEDDING RING TAKEN (UPI WP, NYT). MAYAGUEZ INCIDENT WILL LEAD TO REUNION OF SHIP'S SKIPPER WITH SON, DAUGHTER HE HAD NOT SEEN 22 YRS. CHILDREN OF DIVORCED WIFE RECOGNIZED HIM IN

PRESS PHOTOS (AP, NYT). MANY AFRICANS INDIFFERENT TO MAYAGUEZ AFFAIR, SEE NO IMPLICATIONS FOR THEM IN INCIDENT (CSM).

US CHARGE IN VIENTIANE MEETS WITH 2 PL MINISTERS IN AT-

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TEMPT END STUDENT OCCUPATION USAID COMPOUND, WIN RELEASE 2 MARINES, 1 CIVILIAN CAUGHT INSIDE. CHARGE CHAPMAN SAYS SITUATION COOLING, ADDS MANY US FAMILIES IN CAPITAL VIRTUAL PRISONERS. IN SAVANNAKHET, AMCITS, FOREIGNERS, REMAIN UNDER LOOSE ARREST, BUT APPEAR IN NO DANGER (AP NYDN, SUN). STUDENTS IN VIENTIANE COMPOUND ISSUE COMMUNIQUE WITH 15 DEMANDS, INCLUDING END TO USAID OPERATIONS (UPI, CHITRIB). INFORMED SOURCES SAY LAOS AID MISSION WILL BE DRASTICALLY REDUCED (LESLIE OF LAT, IN PHINQ). LAOTIANS SPEND DAY LOOTING AID HQ, BUT NO INJURIES REPORTED. WHILE STUDENTS DEMAND US SUPPORT BE ENDED, NO INDICATION GOVT WANTS US FINANCIAL AID STOPPED. SOME THINK GOVT DOES NOT WANT MORE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE, BUT OUTRIGHT GIFTS (ANDELMAN, NYT).

DOS SAYS USG SPEEDS UP PULLOUT OF AMCITS FROM LAOS (REUTER, NYT; MILLS, SUN; WP). WELCOME MAT BEING YANKED FOR USAID MISSION IN LAOS, AND DRASTIC REDUCTION IN US PRESENCE EXPECTED SOON. END OF ERA DURING WHICH US SUPPORTED WHAT THERE IS OF AN ECONOMY MAY BE APPROACHING. LEFT-LEANING GOVT INDICATES WANTS US AID, BUT NO AID OFFICIALS ADMINISTERING IT. LAOTIAN GOVT HAS DONE NOTHING RESTRAIN DEMONSTRATORS SO FAR (SOUTHERLAND, CSM).

VOA AT REQUEST AMBS DEAN, MARTIN, SUPPRESSED NEWS OF SOME EVENTS LEADING FALL CAMBODIA, SVN, ACCORDING DOCUMENTS RELEASED BY HOUSE GOVT OPNS SUBCOMM (UPI, PHINQ). AMB MARTIN ON VACATION IN EUROPE, HAS NOT YET DECIDED WHEN UNCLASSIFIED

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RETURN US. SOME CONGRESSMEN EXPRESS INTEREST IN QUESTIONING AMB ON EVACUATION, OTHER EVENTS, DURING LAST DAYS IN SAIGON, BUT NO FORMAL REQUEST MADE THAT MARTIN APPEAR (BRADSHAW, WSTAR 5/21).

PRG SPOKESMAN SAYS SVN TRYING COPE WITH SOLDIERS WHO HAVE NOT SURRENDERED WEAPONS (VALERY, NYDN); NEWSPAPER ADDS NEW GOVT MEETING SOME VIOLENT RESISTANCE FROM ELEMENTS LOYAL TO OLD GVN. WESTERN JOURNALISTS PROTEST ABOUT DIFFICULTY IN GATHERING NEWS, FILM REPORTS, AND TRANSMITTING THEM FROM SVN. PHOTOGRAPHERS UPSET ABOUT INCREASING RESTRICTIONS ON WORK. ALL POLITICAL PARTIES THAT OPERATED UNDER OLD REGIME OUTLAWED (WP). THREE SOVIET TANKERS ARRIVE SAIGON WITH BADLY-NEEDED FUEL (CSM). PRG SAYS US, GVN, LEFT HUNGER PROBLEM BEHIND, BUT BEING SOLVED WITH

FREE RICE DISTRIBUTION. SAIGON AREA LOOTING REMAINS MAJOR PROBLEM. ARTICLE IN ONLY NEWSPAPER INDICATES SOME REPRI-SALS IN STORE FOR FORMER OFFICIALS AND SOME WHO WORKED FOR US, BUT TOO EARLY ASSESS WHAT FORM MIGHT TAKE, HOW EXTENSIVE WILL BE.

WESTERN NEWSMEN COMPLAIN UNABLE GET NEWS, PICTURES, FILM OUT OF COUNTRY; ASK PERMISSION CHARTER PLANE TO GET MA-TERIAL TO HK. REPORTERS HAVE DIFFICULTY MEETING PRG PRESS OFFICERS; PHOTOGRAPHERS REGULARLY BALKED ON TAKING PICTURES TROOPS, STREET SCENES. JAPANESE CAMERAMAN AR-RESTED, LATER RELEASED (REUTER, NYT). NEWS MATERIAL FROM AP REPORTERS IN SAIGON SHOWS NO EVIDENCE CENSORSHIP (AP, NYT). ; ;

YOUNG MEN WITH LONG HAIR, GIRLS IN MINISKIRTS, GRADUALLY DISAPPEARING FROM SAIGON STREETS, ACCORDING LIBERATION RADIO (CSM). US CULTURAL INFLUENCE LINGERS IN SAIGON, BUT CHANGE IN TEXTURE OF LIFE TAKING PLACE UNDER NEW EDICTS, SHORTAGES, CLOSED CINEMAS, AND NIGHTCLUBS, AND DISCARDING OF SOME ITEMS BY PEOPLE IN REACTION TO CHANGE OF GOVTS (LONDON OBSERVER'S SMITH, PHINQ). AP DESCRIBES SOME THINGS THAT HAVE CHANGED IN SAIGON, OTHERS THAT HAVE NOT (NYT).

AMB BROWN CITES GUAM TYPHOONS, AIMS SPEED UP REFUGEE RE-SETTLEMENT (REUTER, NYT). FIRST LADY VISITS PENDLETON, UNCLASSIFIED

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SEES KY AND SPEAKS WITH GKR'S SAUKAM KHOY (HINTER, NYT; WP; AP SUN, NYDN). HOUSE, SENATE GIVE FINAL APPROVAL/AU-THORIZATION 455 MILLION DOL FOR REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT; BILL SENT TO WH (WP). US HAS NO INTENTION TRY PICK UP 40,000 WHO FLED COMMUNISTS AND ARE ON PHU QUOC ISLAND, ACCORDING US OFFICIAL (AP, WP; CHITRIB). PILLSBURY WILL DONATE 156,000 DOLS WORTH OF FOOD TO 600 US FAMILIES WHO SPONSOR REFUGEE FAMILIES (WSJ; MEYER, WP). COMPANIES THAT EM-PLOYED VIETS IN SVN HAVE BEEN IMPORTANT SOURCE OF JOBS. CAMBELL'S DONATES CARLOAD OF SOUP TO BE SERVED AT CHAFFEE. GENL MILLS SAYS CAN PLACE 10,000 FARM WORKERS. ONLY 2-300 REFUGEES PER DAY LEAVE CAMPS BECAUSE OF SECURITY CHECK RE-QUIREMENTS; AMB BROWN SAYS RECORDS NOW COMPUTORIZED AND 2-3000 PER DAY SHOULD START BEING RELEASED SOON (MEYER).

REGUGEE MDS FACE UNCERTAINTY BECAUSE LICENSING TO PRACTICE INVOLVES LONG PROCESS, VARIES WITH STATE (ALTMAN, NYT). VIET REFUGEES FIND STARTING ANEW FRUSTRATING ORDEAL WITH JOBS, GUIDANCE SCARCE AND PRICES "UNBELIEVABLY HIGH" (PAUL, WSJ). REFUGEES IN HURRY LEARN ABOUT US, ADJUST TO NEW WAY OF LIFE (WINDER, CSM).

2. JAPAN

GOJ TUESDAY DENIED ENTRY SEVEN FOREIGN OFFICIALS INVITED ATTEND GENL ASSN KOREAN RESIDENTS IN JAPAN (CHONGRYUN) 20TH ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY; INCLUDED TWO PRG OFFICIALS (AFP, PHINQ).

JOC (TOKYO) SAYS JAPAN PLANS RESUME TALKS WITH DRV, IN VIENTIANE, ON 17.1 MILLION DOL ECON AID, HOPES HANOI WILL ACCEPT IN LIEU WWII REPARATIONS. NOTES JAPAN PAID OLD SAIGON REGIME 47.9 MILLION DOL REPARATIONS, GAVE OVER 102 MILLION DOL AID GRANTS, LOANS. ADDS PRG SHOWED INTENT IN EARLIER TALKS SEEK LARGE CREDITS FROM JAPANESE FIRMS.

JOC (TOKYO) NOTES KAIYO OIL WANTS KNOW IF ANY NEW GOVT ESTABLISHED IN SVN WOULD ALLOW RESUMPTION OFFSHORE EXPLORATION; SPOKESMAN MADE NO MENTION OF KAIYO PARTNER, MOBIL OIL.

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JOC'S CULLISON IN TOKYO CITES MITI OFFICIAL CONFIRMATION GOJ DECIDED ADOPT FOREIGN INVESTMENT COUNCIL RECOMMENDATION FOR 100 PERCENT LIBERALIZATION OF RETAIL TRADE DISTRIBUTION INDUSTRY.

GE SHIPPED ONE OF WORLD'S LARGEST STATORS TO JAPAN THURSDAY, FOR INSTALLATION FUKUSHIMA NUCLEAR POWER STATION 100 MILES NE TOKYO; WILL GENERATE 1.1 MILLION KW WHEN COMPLETE.

3. KOREA

PRES PARK, KIM YOUNG SAM, FOR FIRST TIME MET TWO HOURS WEDNESDAY, AGREED WORK TOWARD COMMON NATL SECURITY POSITION. SPOKESMAN SAID COULD BE TURNING POINT TOWARD ACHIEVING NATL UNITY (NYT SPECIAL, SEOUL).

SUN'S CORDDRY CITES SEN ASCOMM REPORT OPPOSING REDUCTION US FORCES KOREA "NOW" WITHOUT FIRST ASSURING SK ABILITY DEFEND SELF. REPORT STATES UNPLANNED CUTS NOW COULD ALTER BALANCE IN KOREA, INCREASE RISK OF CONFLICT; CALLS ON DOD STUDY ALTERNATIVES PRESENT POSTURE, INCLUDING IMPROVED US, SK AIR POWER, MORE MIL AID, GREATER MIL PRODUCTION IN SK, AND VARIOUS LEVELS US GROUND FORCES IN SK.

4. SOLOMON ISLANDS

UK HAS PROMISED SOLOMON ISLANDS PROTECTORATE INDEPENDENCE BY MID-1977, ACCORDING COMMONWEALTH OFFICE LONDON WEDNESDAY (UPI, PHINQ; REUTER, NYT; CSM).

5. HONG KONG

JOC'S STRAUSS NOTES HKG AGREED "IN PRINCIPLE" WEDNESDAY ES-

TABLISH COMMODITY EXCHANGE. HADDON-CAVE SAID WOULD OPEN WITH COTTON, SUGAR TRANSACTIONS.

6. SINGAPORE

PRES FORD ANNOUNCED WEDNESDAY APPOINTMENT JOHN HOLDRIDGE AS AMBASSADOR SINGAPORE, SUCCEEDING EDWIN CRONK, WHO RETIRED (AP, CHITRIB; UPI, NYDN; WSJ).
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7. GENERAL

INTL IRON & STEEL INST SAID WEDNESDAY NON-COMMUNIST NATIONS' STEEL PRODUCTION IN APRIL DECLINED 9.8 PERCENT FROM SAME MONTH LAST YEAR, TO 36.4 MILLION MT; US PRODUCTION DOWN 14.3 PERCENT, JAPAN 14.5 PERCENT (JOC, BRUSSELS).

8. THAILAND

THIRTEEN-MEMBER DELEGATION ARRIVED BANGKOK WEDNESDAY, FOR NORMALIZATION TALKS. MET BY MFA OFFICIALS, ABOUT 400 LOCAL VIETS (UPI, NYDN). IN ARRIVAL STATEMENT DEP FM PHAN HIEM SAID "CONDITIONS NOW FAVORABLE" FOR NORMALIZATION. MFA OFFICIAL WAITING ARRIVAL SAID TALKS WOULD BE CORDIAL, BUT "MUST WAIT AND SEE" RESULTS (NYT SPECIAL). PALLING (WP) NOTES "UNEXPECTED PROMPTNESS" OF NVN RESPONSE TO THAI INVITATION REPRESENTS "TURN-AROUND" IN HANOI'S PREVIOUS DEMAND DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS AWAIT TOTAL US MILITARY WITHDRAWAL (UPI PHOTO OF PHAN ARRIVAL IN SUN).

9. CHINA

AP (SHANGHAI) REPORTS AAU PRES SCALZO SAYING (5/21) PRC WILL BE INVITED SEND TRACK/FIELD TEAM TO US AND WORK TOWARD HOME-AND-HOME EXCHANGE IN OTHER SPORTS (NYT); SCALZO SPOKE AS US TRACK/FIELD TEAM PREPARED MEET SECOND CHINESE TEAM THURSDAY, FRIDAY (PHINQ); MORE IMPORTANT MEET COMES IN PEKING 5/26-27; WHILE BEST PRC TALENT UNSEEN SO FAR, US COACHES AND DOCTORS BELIEVE CHINESE, THOUGH OWNING GREAT POTENTIAL, MUST STILL IMPROVE TRAINING, DIETARY HABITS, IF HOPEFUL BEING INTERNATIONAL TRACK/FIELD FORCE (NYDN).

PHOTOS SHOW YOUNGEST MEMBER OF US TEAM, ROBIN CAMPBELL, 16, OF WASHINGTON, SURROUNDED BY SMILING CHINESE WATCHING US TEAM WORK OUT IN SHANGHAI (AP, NYDN; UPI, WP).

ACCORDING RELIABLE REPORTS IN UK AVIATION INDUSTRY, AGREEMENT HAS BEEN REACHED ON ALL BUT MINOR DETAILS TO SET UP ROLLS-ROYCE SPEY JET ENGINES PRODUCTION IN PRC (NYT LONDON
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SPECIAL).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

10. INDOCHINA

KRAFT (SUN, WP) DISCOUNTS EXAGGERATED CRITICISM OF AND PRAISE FOR US ACTION TO RECOVER MAYAGUEZ; AFFAIR SO FAST-MOVING, HIGHLY OPERATIONAL AS TO BE INTRINSICALLY RESISTANT TO SECOND-GUESSING OR KIBITZING (IN USIA WIRELESS FILE).

CSM'S HARSH FINDS RESCUE OF MAYAGUEZ AND CREW BRILLIANTLY SUCCESSFUL; BUT MISCALCULATION ABOUT CAMBODIANS' DEFENSE OF KOH TANG WAS REPEAT OF US TENDENCY TO UNDERESTIMATE ASIAN FIGHTING CAPABILITIES (IN USIA WIRELESS FILE).

WM BUCKLEY (WSTAR 5/21) FEELS PRES BEHAVED ADMIRABLY IN MAYAGUEZ CASE; ONLY WAY TO KEEP OUR SHIPS FROM BEING PIRATED IS TO CREATE ATMOSPHERE IN WHICH IT SIMPLY DOES NOT OCCUR TO ANY MAJOR POWER, LET ALONE MINI POWER, TO GRAB THEM (IN USIA WIRELESS FILE).

CDN (5/17-18) PRAISES MAYAGUEZ RESCUE AS "REMARKABLE BLEND OF FORCE AND DISCIPLINED RESTRAINT"; CONGRESSMEN WHO FAULTED PRES FOR FAILING CONSULT THEM BEFORE DECISION MADE MAY HAVE TECHNICAL POINT, BUT IT LOSES MUCH OF RELEVANCE IN CIRCUMSTANCES.

IN WAKE OF INDOCHINA "DEBACLE," CDN'S KEYES BEECH SEES US REDUCED TO SHELL-SHOCKED GIANT MAKING EMPTY PROMISES NOBODY EXPECTS IT TO KEEP (5/13).

HARLAND CLEVELAND (WP 5/18) SAYS VN DEBACLE MAY HAVE BEEN INEVITABLE SINCE DAY US WISELY DECIDED NUCLEAR WEAPONS USABLE ONLY IN THEORETICAL WARS, NOT REAL ONES, AND THAT ESCALATION OF CONVENTIONAL FORCES CAN'T SOLVE PROBLEM, EITHER. US NO LONGER IN CHARGE OF WORLD AFFAIRS--NOBODY IS; WE MUST TURN AMERICAN INGENUITY LOOSE ON HUMANISTIC MANAGEMENT OF INTERDEPENDENCE (IN USIA WIRELESS FILE).

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ANALYZING "WHAT WENT WRONG" IN VN, JOHN ROCHE BELIEVES WE ELIMINATED, IN DIEM, THE ONE TOWERING NON-COMMUNIST VIET NATIONALIST, AND IN SO DOING NAILED US FLAG TO MAST IN SAIGON; AT THAT POINT, SVIETS BECAME OUR POLITICAL WARDS AND VN "TEST" OF US WILLINGNESS TO FULFILL COMMITMENT OF OUR NATIONAL HONOR (BALT NA 5/21).

ACCORDING CHITRIB'S BILL ANDERSON, LARGE LOSS OF US MILITARY LIVES DURING MAYAGUEZ RESCUE SEEMS DESTINED BEING LAID TO CIVILIAN CALL FOR HASTY ACTION WHEN RESOURCES

SIMPLY WEREN'T IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE. CLAIMS ACTION ALSO MARRED BY PETTY ACTIONS OF NESSEN, LAITIN.

JOC COMPLAINS NO ONE HAS EXPLAINED WHY MAYAGUEZ CAPTAIN AND OWNERS NOT WARNED TROUBLE MIGHT BE LURKING IN GULF OF SIAM. CONCURS IN HAK THAT INSURANCE COMPANIES, REPORTEDLY ALERTED TO DANGER, PRESUMED TO HAVE GREATEST INTEREST IN PRESERVATION THESE SHIPS; BUT ARGUES IF MAYAGUEZ, IN ADDITION TO COMMERCIAL CARGO, ALSO CARRIED CARGO DESTINED TO US FORCES IN THAILAND, SHOULD BE ASSUMED USG WOULD HAVE AT LEAST EQUAL INTEREST. IF MORE SUCH EVENTS LIKELY IN FUTURE, US SHOULD BE BETTER PREPARED FLASH NEWS TO WHERE NEEDED MOST.

HEMPSTONE (PHINQ) PRAISES PRES AND MARINES FOR HAVING GIVEN US BACK SOME SELF-RESPECT BY MAYAGUEZ RECOVERY ACTION.

ANDERSON/WHITTEN CITE CONFIDENTIAL WH RECORDS SHOW AMB MARTIN RESPONSIBLE FOR BOTCHING SAIGON EVACUATION ACTION (IN USIA WIRELESS FILE).

KEATLEY (WSJ) SAYS THOSE FEW US OFFICIALS WHO HAVE STUDIED NEW CAMBODIAN REGIME REGARD IT AS TOUGH, RESOLUTE, XENOPHOBIC AND HYPERSENSITIVE TO ALLEGED INFRINGEMENTS ON NATIONAL HONOR. SEEMS BEST US POLICY IS TO LEAVE THEM ALONE, PROVIDED THEIR GUNBOATS STAY CLOSER TO HOME.

IN INTERVIEW, AMB RICHARDSON SEES MAYAGUEZ FREEING SERVING NOTICE IN WAKE OF INDOCHINA WITHDRAWAL THAT NO "PARALY-UNCLASSIFIED

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SIS OF WILL" ON PART US; ADDED THIS WAS SITUATION WHERE DIPLOMACY EVIDENTLY HAD FAILED, LEFT US NO CHOICE BUT REACT THROUGH USING FORCE TO ACTION WHICH, IN ITSELF, INVOLVED FORCE (AP SUN, NYDN).

11. KOREA

PEARLSTINE (WSJ 5/21) FINDS AMERICANS, KOREANS IN SEOUL BLASE ABOUT DORSEY DISCLOSURE; TAKE PAY-OFFS FOR GRANTED, SINCE GRAFT, CORRUPTION DEEPLY INGRAINED; EXPECT MATTER SUBSIDE SOON WITHOUT MAKING "GREAT WAVES" SINCE PARK BANNED CRITICISM OF REGIME TWO DAYS BEFORE DORSEY TESTIMONY. OBSERVES US ASSISTING ROK BUILD DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS PAST 26 YEARS, BUT TURNS OUT US FIRMS LIKE GULF SUBVERTING PROCESS WITH ILLEGAL POLITICAL PAY-OFFS.

WP DEPLORES GULF PAY-OFFS IN KOREA, ILLUSTRATES MAJOR
FOPOLICY ISSUE INVOLVED BY QUOTING MYRDAL'S "ASIAN
DRAMA"--"GENERALLY...HABITUAL PRACTISE OF BRIBERY...TENDS

TO PAVE THE WAY FOR AN AUTHORITARIAN REGIME...COMMUNISTS
MAINTAIN THAT CORRUPTION IS BRED BY CAPITALISM, AND WITH
CONSIDERABLE JUSTIFICATION THEY PRIDE THEMSELVES ON ITS
ERADICATION UNDER A COMMUNIST REGIME." SUGGESTS DOUBTERS
LOOK AT CAMBODIA, SVN, WHERE OFFICIAL CORRUPTION HELPED
UNDO LON NOL, THIEU REGIMES (USIA WIRELESS FILE).

12. AUSTRALIA

CSM REPRINTS THE AUSTRALIAN (SYDNEY) EDIT URGING AUSSIES
DO BEST TO GET ECONOMY MOVING. SUGGESTS MOST EFFECTIVE
WAY--EVERYONE SLOW DOWN PAY REQUESTS, HOLD BACK PRICE IN-
CREASES, LET ECONOMY CATCH BREATH BEFORE IT CHOKES.

13. GENERAL

CSM'S HALVERSON STATES DOD SEES "LOUD AND CLEAR" MESSAGE
IN ONE-SIDED HOUSE VOTE AGAINST SUBSTANTIAL TROOP CUTS--
US WILL STAND BY SECURITY COMMITMENTS ABROAD DESPITE FALL
OF VN; ALSO EXPECTS SENATE TO WARD OFF TROOP CUTS.

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CSM ENDORSES TUESDAY HOUSE VOTE AGAINST CUTTING 70,000
TROOPS FROM FAR EAST; SUITABLE MOMENT FOR SUCH CUTS IS
SOMEWHERE DOWN THE ROAD, BEYOND WORLD'S SHAKY MOOD AFTER
INDOCHINA EVENTS; CONGRESSIONAL SUPPORT OF ADMIN IN THIS
READING OF SITUATION IS SIGNAL TO WORLD THAT USG IS UNITED
IN WILL NOT TO ABDICATE MILITARY ROLE IN VN AFTERMATH.
CSM'S STROUT ADDS THAT MEANING OF MASSIVE, ONE-SIDED
HOUSE VOTE (311-95) IS THAT CONGRESS DOES NOT WANT VN EPI-
SODE MISINTERPRETED; INSTEAD OF WEAKENING PRES' HAND, VN
HAS STRENGTHENED IT, IN THIS PARTICULAR SITUATION (BOTH IN
USIA WIRELESS FILE).

14. CHINA

IN INTERVIEW, AMB RICHARDSON OPINES PEKING HAS INTEREST IN
PRESERVATION MAJOR US ROLE IN ASIA, REST OF WORLD, IF ONLY
BECAUSE PRC SECURITY TO SOME DEGREE DEPENDS ON CONTINUING
US COUNTERVAILING ROLE AGAINST SOVIET (AP NYDN,SUN).

AMERICAN U'S JOHN MAXWELL HAMILTON REVIEWS LOIS SNOW'S,
"A DEATH WITH DIGNITY"; NOTES HER HIGH OPINION OF CHINESE
MEDICINE, HER MORE CONTROVERSIAL PREDICTION OF PROGRESS
FOR PRC'S SOCIAL EXPERIMENT. HAMILTON OBSERVES EDGAR SNOW'S
DEATH HAS NOT MARKED, AS MANY HOPED, DRAMATIC SHIFT IN
SINO-US FRIENDSHIP, WHICH IS MOVING SNAIL-SLOW; REAL SAD-

NESS IS THAT US DOES NOT NOW HAVE BENEFIT OF HIS DIRECTIONS ON LONG ROAD TO DETENTE. INGERSOLL

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